

# OKLAHOMA EMPLOYMENT REPORT – April 2023

## Oklahoma's unemployment rate falls in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined 0.1 percentage point to 2.9 percent in April, while the U.S. unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percentage point to 3.4 percent in April. Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 0.1 percentage point higher than April 2022.

March 2023		Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
Oklahoma		2.9%	1,909,615	1,855,184	54,431
United States		3.4%	166,688,000	161,031,000	5,657,000

\* Data adjusted for seasonal factors

OKLAHOMA		Unemp. rate*	Labor force*	Employment*	Unemployment*
April '23	2.9%	1,909,615	1,855,184	54,431	
Mar'23	3.0%	1,902,396	1,845,543	56,853	
Feb '23	3.0%	1,895,814	1,838,206	57,608	
Jan '23	3.1%	1,892,639	1,833,796	58,843	
Dec '22	3.2%	1,890,029	1,830,370	59,659	
Nov '22	3.2%	1,889,935	1,829,886	60,049	
April '22	2.8%	1,887,601	1,834,046	53,555	

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In April, statewide seasonally adjusted employment increased by 9,641 persons (0.5 percent), while unemployment decreased by 2,422 persons (-4.3 percent). Over the year, seasonally adjusted unemployment increased by 876 persons (1.6 percent).

March 2023	Monthly change*		Annual change*	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Labor force	7,219	0.4%	22,014	1.2%
Employment	9,641	0.5%	21,138	1.2%
Unemployment	-2,422	-4.3%	876	1.6%

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# Oklahoma nonfarm employment edges up in April

Oklahoma's seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** increased by 600 jobs (0.0 percent) over the month in April 2023. U.S. seasonally adjusted **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** rose by 253,000 jobs (0.2 percent), in April. Over the year, statewide **NONFARM EMPLOYMENT** added a seasonally adjusted 36,400 jobs (2.2 percent).

- In April, seven of Oklahoma's supersectors added jobs, as **Manufacturing** (800 jobs) followed by **Leisure and Hospitality** (600 jobs) reported the largest job gains over the month.
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-1,400 jobs) followed by **Professional and Business Services** (-700 jobs) posted the largest over-the-month job losses in April.
- Ten of Oklahoma's supersectors reported job gains over the year in April, as **Leisure and Hospitality** (11,000 jobs) reported the largest gain, followed by **Health and Education Services** (7,400 jobs).
- **Trade, Transportation, and Utilities** (-600 jobs) posted the only over-the-year job losses in April.

	NUMBER OF JOBS*			CHANGE FROM*			
	APR 2023	MAR 2023	APR 2022	MAR. 23 TO APR. 23		APR. 22 TO APR. 23	
<b>TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>1,725,800</b>	<b>1,725,200</b>	<b>1,689,400</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>36,400</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
Total Private	1,373,100	1,372,800	1,340,600	300	0.0%	32,500	2.4%
Goods Producing	251,300	250,100	240,200	1,200	0.5%	11,100	4.6%
Service-Providing	1,474,500	1,475,100	1,449,200	-600	0.0%	25,300	1.7%
Private Service Providing	1,121,800	1,122,700	1,100,400	-900	-0.1%	21,400	1.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	115,100	114,700	108,700	400	0.3%	6,400	5.9%
<b>Mining and Logging</b>	<b>31,500</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>29,800</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>83,600</b>	<b>83,300</b>	<b>78,900</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>136,200</b>	<b>135,400</b>	<b>131,500</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>3.6%</b>
Durable Goods	88,900	88,200	85,900	700	0.8%	3,000	3.5%
Non-Durable Goods	47,300	47,200	45,600	100	0.2%	1,700	3.7%
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	<b>321,900</b>	<b>323,300</b>	<b>322,500</b>	<b>-1,400</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>	<b>-600</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
Wholesale Trade	57,400	57,900	56,800	-500	-0.9%	600	1.1%
Retail Trade	185,000	185,400	185,400	-400	-0.2%	-400	-0.2%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	79,500	80,000	80,300	-500	-0.6%	-800	-1.0%
<b>Information</b>	<b>17,900</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Financial Activities</b>	<b>81,400</b>	<b>81,400</b>	<b>80,700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Finance and Insurance	59,900	59,900	59,300	0	0.0%	600	1.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	21,500	21,500	21,400	0	0.0%	100	0.5%
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	<b>203,800</b>	<b>204,500</b>	<b>201,700</b>	<b>-700</b>	<b>-0.3%</b>	<b>2,100</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	81,200	80,600	78,500	600	0.7%	2,700	3.4%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	23,000	22,800	21,700	200	0.9%	1,300	6.0%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	99,600	101,100	101,500	-1,500	-1.5%	-1,900	-1.9%
<b>Education and Health Services</b>	<b>247,300</b>	<b>247,000</b>	<b>239,900</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>3.1%</b>
Educational Services	21,300	21,400	21,100	-100	-0.5%	200	0.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	226,000	225,600	218,800	400	0.2%	7,200	3.3%
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	<b>182,700</b>	<b>182,100</b>	<b>171,700</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	19,600	19,700	18,300	-100	-0.5%	1,300	7.1%
Accommodation and Food Services	163,100	162,400	153,400	700	0.4%	9,700	6.3%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>66,800</b>	<b>66,800</b>	<b>66,300</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>352,700</b>	<b>352,400</b>	<b>348,800</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
Federal Government	51,800	51,700	50,700	100	0.2%	1,100	2.2%
State Government	78,200	78,400	79,500	-200	-0.3%	-1,300	-1.6%
Local Government	222,700	222,300	218,600	400	0.2%	4,100	1.9%

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## Average Hourly Wage (12-month average) Private Sector

In April, Oklahoma's private sector average hourly wage grew to \$27.65, up from \$27.44 the prior month and \$25.86 a year ago.